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Lebanon

A car bomb exploded near the Arab University in West Beirut 8 August, killing 25 people and wounding about 45 others, Beirut radio reported, adding that the "huge" explosion burned cars, damaged buildings and sparked off fires in the area. Voice of Lebanon radio said the target of the explosion was a nearby Amal Movement office.

Iran-Iraq War

Iranian planes raided military installations east of Mosul as well as military and industrial targets in two other Iraqi towns early 8 August, the Iranian Joint Staff announced in a statement reported by Tehran radio. Earlier, INA cited reports by Lloyds Insurance Company that two oil tankers were hit during the three Iraqi air raids on Khark Island 7 August. The agency also reported a statement by an Iraqi military spokesman denying Iran's claim that an Iraqi aircraft was downed during the raids on Isfahan that day. An Iranian spokesman dismissed Iraq's allegation that Iran shelled an Iraqi residential complex in the Halabjah area 6 August, asserting that Iran never fired at the area and that Iraq made the claim to justify its "plots and crimes," IRNA reported.

Egyptian-Jordanian Summit

A press statement issued at the end of President Husni Mubarak's talks with King Husayn in Alexandria emphasized their concern over the dangers inherent in Iran's insistence on continuing its "aggressive" war against Iraq, adding that the two leaders held "identical" views in their analysis of the threat to Arab land posed by the continuation of the war. The statement, which was broadcast by Cairo radio, commended the Iraqi president's recent peace plan and urged Iran to respond to it in a practical way.

Cairo papers cited by MENA said the talks were a good opportunity to promote the Mideast peace process, discuss developments in the Iran-Iraq war, revive cooperation and solidarity between Jordan and the PLO, and reconcile Syria and Iraq.

Iran

Reconciliation with the Iraqi Ba'thist regime is "flagrant treason" against Islam, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeyni asserted in a message to Hajj pilgrims reported by IRNA. Khomeyni denounced the leaders of Egypt, Jordan, and Morocco, viewing King Hassan's meeting with the Israeli prime minister as "unforgiveable treason." He urged pilgrims to "cry out loudly against oppressors" during religious rituals and to boycott U.S.-made goods.

A Tehran radio report from Mecca stressed that Iranian pilgrims are adhering to Khomeyni's message by boycotting U.S.-made goods, adding that the number of Iranian pilgrims visiting Mecca this year reached 62,000 by 7 August.

PLO

The PLO will never use Greek territory for any action and it insists on not involving Greece in inter-Arab or Arab-Israeli conflicts, Fatah Central Committee member Salah Khalaf stated at a press conference in the Greek capital reported by Athens radio. According to the radio, Khalaf's talks with Greek officials confirmed the "close relations and friendly climate" between the PLO and Greece.

In a separate development, a Fatah information official in Cairo denied the recent Kuwaiti press report that PLO deputy military commander Khalil al-Wazir met secretly with U.S. Vice President George Bush during the latter's visit to Cairo, Sanaa Voice of Palestine radio reported. Meanwhile, Baghdad Voice of PLO radio noted that Al-Wazir held talks in Cairo with Usamah al-Baz, President Mubarak's political adviser. PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat will visit the Egyptian capital shortly, according to a Palestinian source cited by WAKH.

Aftermath of Cyprus Attack

The Nicosia paper *Alithia* reported that six unidentified Arabs were smuggled out of Larnaca Airport by "an Arab airline" 5 August, and the paper said there are serious suspicions that the men were involved in the 3 August attack on the British base at Akrotiri. The Cyprus Government will shortly release the results of its investigations into the affair, an official spokesman disclosed in a statement reported by Nicosia radio.

Morocco

Morocco would be "foremost among those fighting" in the event of an Arab-Israeli war, King Hassan II asserted at a news conference broadcast by Rabat radio. He also affirmed that Morocco's union with Libya "continues to exist," noting that ministerial meetings of the union are scheduled soon. As for Syria's "violent" reaction to his meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Shim'on Peres, King Hassan viewed this as a logical result of its undeclared intention of expanding to establish a new version of the Umayyad state. Hassan also castigated the Arab magazine *Al-Watan al-'Arabi* for publishing alleged "minutes" of his meeting with Peres, stating that he intends to sue the Paris-based magazine in a French court for propagating such "lies."

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Further Reportage on UN-Sponsored Talks in Geneva

Differences Held Over 'Key Question'

BK070239 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 6 Aug 86

[Text] The UN-sponsored indirect talks on Afghanistan continued in Geneva today. The UN secretary general's personal representative on Afghanistan, Mr Diego Cordovez, had an informal meeting with the foreign minister of the Kabul regime, Mr Shah Mohammad Dost, and then with the Pakistan foreign minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, and his senior aides this morning. Later, he held separate meetings with two delegations which continued in the evening.

Associated Press of Pakistan, quoting diplomatic circles, says an agreement on the question of verification and monitoring of the proposed settlement package might emerge as the only positive outcome of the current round of proximity negotiations in Geneva. These circles feel that such an agreement would not be of much use unless the withdrawal of Soviet troops was also agreed upon. Mr Cordovez is also reported to have made proposals for adopting a procedure for consulting Afghan refugees regarding implementation of the proposed settlement. These proposals are also being discussed at intensive indirect negotiations which generally start in the morning and continue till late in the evening.

Meanwhile, the two sides are reported to be amidst sharp differences over the key question relating to the timeframe for withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan. The current round of negotiations is expected to end on Friday [8 August] when the Pakistan foriegn minister will leave for London en route to Dhaka to attend the meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation Foreign Ministers.

Karachi on Possible Deadlock

BK071623 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 7 Aug 86

[Text] Indirect talks on Afghanistan between Pakistan and the Soviet-backed Kabul regime continued in Geneva today. The UN secretary general's personal representative on Afghanistan, Diego Cordovez, had separate meetings with the two delegations this morning and afternoon in turns. It is expected that the last sitting of the current round of talks will be held tomorrow morning. APP *[Associated Press of Pakistan]*, quoting diplomatic sources in Geneva, says there will not be any settlement on any special or important matter in the currennt round of indirect talks. These sources are of the opinion that as a result of the continuous silence observed by the Kabul administration on the key issue of withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan, the talks seem to be deadlocked.

Meanwhile, there has been no accord so far on the last paragraph of the fourth instrument relating to the review and supervision of the implementation of the comprehensive settlement. There was some sign of success in this regard yesterday although it was clear that any understanding in this connection would depend upon the talks on the withdrawal of Soviet forces. However, Mr Cordovez is busy in last minute efforts to overcome the differences of opinion between the parties.

Talks End Without Agreement

AU081416 Paris AFP in English 1413 GMT 8 Aug 86

[Text] Geneva, Aug 8 (AFP) — Pakistan and Afghanistan suspended here Friday their UN-sponsored indirect negotiations without reaching an agreement or setting a date for further rounds, UN Assistant Secretary-General Diego Cordovez said.

Mr Cordovez denied that the talks were deadlocked, saying they were rather hampered by difficulties concerning a timetable to withdraw Soviet troops from Afghanistan and means to monitor compliance with any agreement.

The latest round, which started on July 31, was the eighth since 1982.

Mr Cordovez, who acts as an intermediary between the Afghan and Pakistani negotiators, said the negotiating process was continuing and was "very much alive." He warned analysts not to jump to conclusions just because a date for fresh talks had not been fixed.

He said "nothing could be ruled out," adding that he might go to Islamabad or Kabul from next week onwards, or sort out details by letter, even though Geneva was the ideal venue for negotiations.

Asked whether a Reagan-Gorbachev summit meeting might hasten a settlement, Mr Cordovez said that U.S.-Soviet mistrust about the Afghan situation could be eased by their meeting, although he stressed that the present Afghan-Pakistani talks, aimed at reducing border tensions, had the backing of both superpowers.

He said a superpower summit might speed agreement about how troop withdrawals should be monitored, and repeated that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's recent announcement of withdrawing some 8,000 soldiers by the end of the year can only improve the atmosphere."

Chinese Helipad Reports Viewed at Diplomatic Level

BK080903 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0830 GMT 8 Aug 86

[Text] The Lok Sabha was told that China has improvised a helipad at Wangdong in the Sumdorong Chu valley of Arunachal Pradesh and the Chinese helicopter had actually landed there. In a statement the minister of state for external affairs, Mr K.R. Narayanan, said that this information came to the notice of the government only on the 4th of this month. It may be recalled that on the 1st, the external affairs minister, Mr P. Shiv Shankar, told the House that according to his information no such helipad existed.

Expressing deep concern over the development, the minister said we have taken up the issue of this intrusion with China at the diplomatic level. It was intensively discussed during the seventh round of official talks held recently in Beijing. India has stressed that both the sides should maintain peace and tranquility on the border and that any problem that may arise should be resolved through consultation. China has also accepted this approach.

Sino-U.S. Defense Cooperation Watched

BK081357 Delhi General Overseas Service in English
1330 GMT 8 Apr 86

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In another written reply in the Lower House, Mr K.R. Narayanan has said that government is keeping a close watch on developments relating to Sino-U.S. defense cooperation to assess its implication on the security situation in our neighborhood. He added that China is acquiring defense equipment from the United States as part of its program for the modernization of its defense forces.

Lok Sabha 'Special Discussion' Condemns South Africa

BK071659 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 7 Aug 86

[Text] The Lok Sabha today unanimously condemned the inhuman policy of apartheid of the racist regime of South Africa and expressed the solidarity of the Indian people with the brave freedom fighters of South Africa in the just struggle for human rights. In a resolution, the House applauded the efforts made by the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, to mobilize world opinion to support the heroic battle of the South African people for freedom and human dignity. It welcomed the courageous stand taken by India and five other countries at the mini-Commonwealth summit in London to impose mandatory economic sanctions against South Africa. The House regretted that Britain has not adopted the full range measures agreed upon at the Nassau summit.

The 12-point resolution was moved by the speaker, Mr Bal Ram Jakhar, at the end of a 2-hour special discussion on the present situation in South Africa. The motion for the discussion was moved by the minister of state for external affairs, Mr Edwardo Faleiro.

The resolution called for the unconditional release of Nelson Mandela and other freedom fighters of South Africa and for the removal of the ban on the African National Congress and other political organizations. It urged all governments to impose comprehensive, effective, and mandatory sanctions against South Africa.

The resolution also called upon the forthcoming nonaligned summit at Harare to redouble efforts to secure the liberation of the South African people.

The House denounced the obstinate refusal of the South African authorities to enter into meaningful negotiations with the African National Congress and other political organizations to dismantle apartheid.

Earlier, replying to the discussion, Mr Faleiro said the U.S. Administration and the British Government well deserve the condemnation voiced by members from all sides of the House. India was the first nation to move the sanctions against South Africa at the United Nations. We are second to none in the world to fight against apartheid.

Mr Faleiro declared India will not have any trade with South Africa directly or in a dubious manner. Initiating the discussion, Mr B.B. Ramaiah, Telugu Desam, called total economic sanctions against South Africa. Cutting across party lines, the members agreed that effective total economic sanctions are the only way to force the racist Pretoria regime to start a meaningful dialogue for dismantling apartheid.

Minister Says 'High Explosives' Used in Delhi Bombing

BK071615 Delhi Domestic Service in English
1530 GMT 7 Aug 86

[Text] Preliminary investigations show that sophisticated high explosives have been used in last night's blast at (Hansalya) building in the Connaught Place area of New Delhi. In a suo moto statement on the incident in the Lok Sabha today, the minister of state for home, Mr P. Chidambaram, said the motive of the miscreants is not yet clear. The case has been handed over to the crime branch of New Delhi police and they are taking assistance from other central agencies as well. The offices of the Kuwaiti and Saudi Arabian airways and the Bank of America were near the place of the blast.

The incident also came up in the Rajya Sabha. The home minister, Mr Buta Singh, said involvement of terrorists in the explosion cannot be ruled out. Security measures in Delhi have been further tightened.

Clarifying members' queries, the minister said that he did not agree with an opposition member who said no progress has been made in the investigations of the murder cases of Mr Lalit

Makhan and Mr Arjun Das. He said the police (?have) identified the culprits but they are yet to be caught.

Police Disperse Crowd Protesting Atomic Power Plant

BK080301 Delhi Domestic Service in English
0240 GMT 8 Aug 86

[Text] In Gujarat, the police fired in the air yesterday near the Kakrapara atomic power station to disperse a violent crowd. They were demonstrating against the construction of the atomic power station, about 70 km from Surat.

BANGLADESH

Police, Students Clash in Dhaka; 50 Injured

BK061508 Hong Kong AFP in English 1503 GMT 6 Aug 86

[Text] Dhaka, Aug 6 (AFP) — At least 50 people were injured when police used batons and tear-gas to disperse some 2,500 student demonstrators here Wednesday, eyewitnesses said.

Police were trying to prevent the students, from Bangladesh's nine medical colleges, from staging a rally.

The medical students are campaigning for concessions from the government including a guarantee of jobs in the government medical service after graduation and more money for the health service.

They were due to announce new action in support of their demands at Wednesday's rally.

SRI LANKA

AFP Reports TULF 'Concern' Over Government Warning

BK071509 Hong Kong AFP in English 1456 GMT 7 Aug 86

[Text] New Delhi, Aug 7 (AFP) — The main Tamil party on Thursday expressed concern about a Sri Lankan Government warning that it would seek a military solution to the island's Tamil separatist conflict if political moves failed, the *Press Trust of India* reported.

The Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF), which is to begin a second round of talks with the government on August 16, said the warning was "most unfortunate" as it coincided with "delicate negotiations" for a political solution, the news agency reported from the southern Indian city of Madras.

Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene told a political rally in Sri Lanka's west-coast town of Nattandiya on Sunday that only a military solution would settle the conflict if current peace moves did not lead to agreement.

He also ruled out a change in the boundaries of the island's provinces.

The TULF Politburo said from its headquarters in Madras that Mr Jayewardene's stand amounted to a rejection of the Tamil demand for a homeland comprising the island's northern and eastern provinces.

In a news release, the party reaffirmed its stand that a single Tamil linguistic unit consisting of the two provinces was a "cardinal factor" for a negotiated solution.

TULF had 10 days of talks with the Sri Lankan Government in July about Colombo's latest peace proposals. Some progress was reported to have been made.

Government 'Welcomes' Gorbachev Statement

BK071151 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 7 Aug 86

[Text] Sri Lanka has welcomed the statement made by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev referring to a desire by Soviet Union to strengthen its relations with a number of countries, including Sri Lanka. Minister of Foreign Affairs Shahul Hameed said in Parliament yesterday that Sri Lanka also appreciated the references made by Mr Gorbachev regarding the Nonaligned Movement.

Welcoming the Soviet decision to withdraw six regiments from Afghanistan, Mr Hameed said that Sri Lanka's position on this problem was that Moscow should withdraw its troops from Afghanistan.

Recalling Mr Gorbachev's reference to the Punjab problem and the Tamil problem, the foreign minister announced that he (?met) the acting Soviet ambassador in Colombo and has also instructed the Sri Lankan ambassador in Moscow to get details of these references. Mr Hameed was replying to a calling attention motion [words indistinct] adjournment by the member of Parliament from Attanagalla, Lakshman Jayakody.

Colombo Reports on Trincomalee Port Terrorist Attack

BK071153 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 7 Aug 86

[Text] The Sri Lanka Port Authority at (Mazore) in Trincomalee was attacked by a gang of nearly 40 terrorists yesterday. The government sources told the *Lanka Puwath News Agency* that the terrorists had (?detained) the security guards and set fire to two mini-buses, three lorries, and a forkloader. They also blew up a passenger launch and a tug. The terrorists robbed two radio sets [words indistinct] four flash lights and (?55) gun cartridges.

Terrorists Attack Two Villages 6 Aug

BK071329 Colombo Domestic Service in English 1245 GMT 7 Aug 86

[Text] Separatist terrorists fired mortars at government troops while covering behind the Thondamannar Temple yesterday. Troops did not retaliate as they did not want to disrupt the pooja [religious offering] proceeding in the temple to conduct the annual festival. Separatist terrorists attacked the Janapada Village No 10 in Batticaloa last Tuesday. Government sources told *Lanka Puwath* that the troops arrived at the scene and fired at the terrorists. Terrorists fled leaving behind a quantity of unexploded bombs. Later, the terrorists attacked Janapada Village No 11 where home guards returned fire killing two terrorists and recovered some bombs. Government sources told news media that separatists abducted the chief clerk of the assistant government agent's office at Valachenai. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam are responsible for the abduction of the chief clerk, identified as M. Gnanamuttu.

Friday Prayer Sermon on Saddam Letter, OPEC Work

LD081315 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 8 Aug 86

[Report on remarks by Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Khamene'i, president and chairman of the Supreme Defense Council, at the Friday prayers ceremony held at Tehran University on 8 August]

[Text] In his prayers sermon, Tehran's Friday imam referred to the important historic call by the imam of the Islamic nation in connection with the convening of the great political-religious Hajj pilgrimage congress. The Friday imam said that today Muslim power is greater than that of all the arrogant people put together and should Muslims wish, they could bring both East and West to their knees today, just as the Iranian nation has demonstrated. He added that if the Iranian nation is victorious, it is because it has not yielded to world bullying or blackmail. When we were lacking both in numbers and in equipment and were not much prepared, we did not retreat. Today, now that we have shown resistance, and the Army, the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, the mobilization of the popular forces, our military science and our warfare, and crushing blows on the enemy have reached full strength, the Iranian nation will not retreat.

Referring to the letter from Saddam, the chairman of the Supreme Defence Council said: When you took advantage of our preoccupation with the Islamic Revolution and occupied thousands of square kilometers of our country's soil and rolled Iran's innocent, defenseless people in blood and dirt, why did you not seek peace then? Today, however, when you are facing crushing and decisive blows from our combatants and have no power to resist, you keep babbling about peace.

The president of the Republic emphasized that the most important problem facing the Iraqi regime today is the terror it feels from the Iranian forces. Saddam knows only too well that today Iran has the power to capture any place, just as it did in Al-Faw, and he knows that this area could also be similar to Mehran which the enemy employed all its capabilities and forces in holding, just like Hajj 'Umran, Faqqeh and Mandali. Saddam has witnessed these blows and the power of the Islamic forces and this compelled him to write such an impotent letter.

With regard to striking at Iraq's industrial centers and retaliating in similar fashion against acts of aggression by the Iraqi regime, the chairman of the Supreme Defense Council stressed that we have begun our tit-for-tat actions and as long as Saddam's wicked deeds continue we will continue to retaliate. We have begun this now and let the people and responsible officials know it.

Hojjat ol-Eslam val-Moslemin Khamene'i then referred to Iran's success during the recent OPEC meeting and added: Iran's suggestion to decrease oil production was welcomed by 12 countries except Iraq. We have witnessed the effect of that during the past few days in rising oil prices around the world.

Addressing the heads of the OPEC countries, the president of the Republic reemphasized that from now until 1 September there is an opportunity to prepare ourselves for reducing oil production. He said that the situation should not be such that the measure is nullified by supplying more oil than the quota to the consumption markets.

Hojjat ol-Eslam Tavassoli made a pre-sermon speech on the political-religious dimensions of the Friday prayers and the Hajj pilgrimage. He also recounted the tasks of Hajj pilgrims to God's holy house during this momentous political-religious congress.

Further on Khomeyni's Hajj Talks on Traitors to Islam

LD071632 Tehran IRNA in English 1626 GMT 7 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug 7, IRNA — The leader of the Islamic revolution, Imam Khomeyni Thursday lashed out at King Hassan of Morocco, King Husayn of Jordan, Husni Mubarak of Egypt and other traitors to Islam who "intentionally or unintentionally damage the dignity and prestige of Islam."

The imam advised Muslim and Arab nations as well as governments to do away with these "well-known agents of professional players" who through their various schemes were trying to perpetuate their plundering domination and prevent the victory of Islam.

The imam's remarks came in his annual message to Hajj pilgrims. The founder of the Islamic Republic also urged regional governments to discontinue their support for the enemies of Islam and humanity and cease their opposition to the interests of Islam and the oppressed masses. He instead called on them to cooperate with the Islamic Republic in its fight against the seditionists and world-devourers.

Imam Khomeyni's message also urged the Hajj pilgrims to cry out loudly against oppressors during the religious ritual and shake hands in a brotherly and firm fashion. He also warned them against sacrificing the interests of Islam and oppressed Muslims to those of factionalism and nationalism.

The imam also advised the pilgrims not to follow agents of world devourers, at the top of them be' g discord-mongering mercenary court mullahs, or else they would have committed a great sin inviting divine wrath.

Addressing Iranian pilgrims, Iran's spiritual leader reminded them of their grave task during the Hajj ceremonies particularly since they were watched by thousands of other pilgrims from all over the world who might have been affected by the malicious propaganda of the enemies of Islam and Iran.

Hajj Pilgrims Begin Boycott of U.S. Goods

LD071806 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 7 Aug 86

[Report by unidentified station correspondent from Mecca]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Following the message of the imam of the ummah regarding the boycotting of U.S. manufactured goods, Iranian pilgrims have refrained from purchasing U.S. goods and in some cases have returned these goods to sellers and obtained other goods in

exchange. In this respect, the value of U.S.-made goods, has dropped in an appreciable way in the cities of Mecca and Medina in the past few days and Iranian pilgrims — and in some cases pilgrims from other Islamic countries — do not exhibit any tendency to purchase U.S.-made goods.

The number of Iranian pilgrims who have entered blessed Mecca via Medina and Jeddah reached 62,000 by noon today. The Iranian pilgrims went into their convoys and residential quarters, and with the increase of the number of Iranian pilgrims in blessed Mecca, the Hajj headquarters and other Islamic Republic of Iran organs in Mecca have increased the level of their activities quite substantially. The Islamic Republic of Iran's Red Crescent Organization and the clinics attached to the medical mission of the Hajj pilgrimage, stationed in Mecca, are prepared to receive the sick. According to the latest figures received by Iran's medical mission in Mecca 2,420 Iranian pilgrims have thus far been given treatment as outpatients in the mission's clinics. Additionally, 140 Iranian pilgrims, are in hospitals due to heat-stroke and other sicknesses and are continuing to receive attention. The official in charge of the medical mission announced in an interview: [Words indistinct] and there is nothing to worry about.

Khomeyni Meets Martyrs' Families at Jamaran Mosque

LD071334 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1030 GMT 7 Aug 86

[Text] Families of martyrs, POW's and those missing in action, from Bahar near Hamedan and Golpayegan and a group of martyrs' families from Tehran's Javadiyeh District met Imam Khomeyni in the Jamaran Mosque this morning. At this meeting, Hojjat ol-Eslam Tavassoli spoke about the Hajj and its objectives. He praised the sacrifice and selflessness of the martyrs' families and conveyed the imam of the ummah's condolences and congratulations to them. At the end of this meeting, the imam of the ummah responded to the audience's expression of affection.

Iraqi Claim of Residential Complex Bombing Denied

LD071656 Tehran IRNA in English 1649 GMT 7 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug 7, IRNA — Iran categorically denied Thursday Baghdad's claim that it has shelled the residential complex of Sirwan, in the Iraqi district of Halabjah, on Wednesday.

A spokesman of the War Information Headquarters (WIH) announced that the Islamic Republic of Iran considers this Iraqi claim a ground for its plots and crimes. The Islamic combatants have never fired at the region claimed by Iraq, he added. But, if the Baghdad government insists on its claim, it can invite the UN expert mission to visit the area, said the spokesman. The spokesman emphasised that the Thursday's Iraqi attack (on Esfahan) will not be left unanswered, and the Islamic forces will forcefully respond to it.

Iraqi warplanes bombed two industrial centres and their nearby working-class areas in Esfahan at 1057 hours local time (0727 GMT) Thursday, causing some damage and casualties.

Also, in the afternoon of the same day, Iraqi aircraft violated Esfahan's airspace but were forced to flee by the Iranian anti-aircraft fire. the intruding planes broke the sound barrier over Esfahan while fleeing.

Following the second Iraqi air raid against Esfahan, the alert siren was also heard in Tehran at 1654 hours (1324 GMT) Thursday.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Iraqi Military Targets Raided

LD081109 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1030 GMT 8 Aug 86

[Text] Several fighter-bombers of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran at 0603 today raided a military base east of Mosul and inflicted substantial damage on the base. The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran has also announced that at 0600 today the pilots of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran, flying a number of fighter-bombers, raided Iraqi industrial and military installations in Sa'diyah and Al Miqdadiyah towns and after inflicting heavy damage and losses on the Zionist enemy they all returned safely to their bases.

Iraqi Industrial Centers Shelled

LD081110 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian
1030 GMT 8 Aug 86

[Text] In retaliation for the wicked attacks of the Iraqi Ba'thist Zionist regime against our Islamic homeland's industrial, residential, and working class areas, brave combatants of Islam, with their long-range artillery, last night brought Iraqi industrial centers in the vicinity of Basra under their heavy shelling. They inflicted substantial damage on the Al-Harithah power generating centers, the Basra army aviation base, an oil pumping station, the railway station and the town's Majidiyah power station.

Communique No 2556

LD071646 Tehran IRNA in English 1637 GMT 7 Aug 86

[Text] Tehran, Aug 7, IRNA — Iraqi movements were checked in Bayat, Zobeydeh and Abadan by Iranian gendarmerie forces who conducted intelligence gathering operations as well as launched ambush attacks on enemy forces. Enemy troops also suffered some casualties and their engineering activities were checked by Iranian gendarmerie artillery fire, according to a military communique released here Thursday.

Communique Number 2556 of the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces also said that exchange of artillery and mortar fire continued throughout the northwestern fronts Wednesday in which the Muslim combatants of Iran maintained the upper hand. It added that the Muslim combatants' activities included the dispatch of patrol units, setting up of posts as well as gathering information on enemy movements in the said fronts in which the Iraqi forces sustained substantial damage and casualties.

In the western fronts, exchange of fire raged on being somewhat more intense in Sumar. Several enemy group bunkers as well as numerous vehicles of theirs were set ablaze and a number of Iraqi soldeirs killed or wounded, the communique said.

Iranian artillery fire inflicted considerable damage and casualties on the enemy in southern fronts, the communique noted.

Iraqi vehicle movements as well as their engineering activities were halted throughout the war fronts.

Naval forces on the Islamic Republic of Iran intercepted a foreign commerical ship in the Strait of Hormuz on August 6, but allowed it to continue voyage after being satisfied it was not carrying any Iraqi bound cargo.